

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 18 as follows:

A front anchor 228 may be embodied as a comealong 230 (e.g. boomer, winch, ratchet, etc.).

Any apparatus known in the art may serve for increasing tension in a mechanism securing one structure to another. For example, any embodiment of a comealong 230 known in the art may be used. In some embodiments of a front anchor ~~230~~ 228, the comealong 230, or like apparatus, may remain secured to a fastener 232 secured to the wheel guide 56 or bearing surface 50. In typical embodiments, the fastener 232 will permit the comealong 230 to rotate relative to the bearing surface 50 in order to move the comealong 230 out of the way of the truck 30 and trailers 32, 34 as they are driven off the unloading station 12. Accordingly, the fastener 232 may be a 'U' bolt 234 fitting through an eye 236 formed in the comealong 230. A second eye 238 may selectively secure to a hook, post, or other such structure, formed on the front bumper or frame of the truck 30.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 11 as follows:

The receptacle 240 may be embodied as a hook 242, post 242, rod 242, or like structure capable of securement to a comealong 230 or the like, extending into the aperture 241 and positioned flush with the sheet 52 or below the sheet 52. Such an embodiment permits the receptacle 240 to be self-clearing. For example, the aperture 241 may be made sufficiently large that it will not easily clog with snow. Thus, snow and ice will not hinder access to the receptacle 240.